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Annotations

1. Opening of the Conference

The United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) will be convened at the Lutfi Kirdar Convention Centre, Istanbul, Turkey, on Monday, 3 June 1996.

2. Election of the President

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.165/2) provides that the Conference shall elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. Rule 44 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Conference decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

3. Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.165/2) were approved by the General Assembly in resolution 50/100 of 20 December 1995.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.165/2)

4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda set out in the present document was approved and recommended to the Conference for adoption by the Preparatory Committee at its third session, held in New York from 5 to 16 February 1996.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the accreditation of non-governmental organizations (A/CONF.165/5 and Add.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the accreditation of international associations of local authorities (A/CONF.165/6 and Add.1)

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/CONF.165/PC.3/7)

5. Election of officers other than the President

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference shall elect, in addition to the President, 27 Vice-Presidents and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General and Chairpersons of the Main Committees established in accordance with rule 46. These officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the

General Committee composed in accordance with rule 11. The Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committees of the Conference

In resolution 47/180 of 22 December 1992, the General Assembly decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements at the highest possible level of participation. At its second session, the Preparatory Committee approved the proposed organization of work for the Conference, which was subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 50/100. In accordance with these decisions, it is proposed that the Conference organize its work around a plenary and two main committees: Committee I and Committee II. Under rule 48 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference and the Main Committees may establish such working groups as they deem necessary for the performance of their functions. In accordance with rule 49, except as provided in rule 6 or otherwise decided, each subsidiary body shall elect its own officers.

The provisional rules of procedure also provide for the appointment of a Credentials Committee (rule 4) and a General Committee (rules 11, 12 and 13).

A note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters will be before the Conference for consideration. It will include a proposed timetable for the work of the Conference.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters (A/CONF.165/3).

7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference

(a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference and that its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fiftieth session. The Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its fiftieth session consisted of the following Member States: China, Luxembourg, Mali, the Marshall Islands, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States of America and Venezuela.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

8. State of human settlements, including strategies for their improvement

During the period 3 to 11 June, a general exchange of views will be held, at which appropriate high-level representatives specifically designated by Governments may make statements. Statements made during the general exchange of views will place special emphasis on item 8 of the provisional agenda of the Conference: state of human settlements, including strategies for their improvement. Executive heads of organizations of the United Nations system, as well as representatives of accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and local authorities, may also present statements in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the future of human settlements: good policy can make a difference (A/CONF.165/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the best practices initiative (A/CONF.165/8)

Report of the Secretary-General on housing and urban indicators (A/CONF.165/CRP.2)

Note by the Secretariat containing the annotated bibliography of the Best Practices 100 List (A/CONF.165/CRP.3)

Report of the Secretary-General on national reports and plans of action (A/CONF.165/CRP.5)

An urbanizing world: global report on human settlements (A/CONF.165/INF.3)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Dubai International Conference on Best Practices (A/CONF.165/INF.4)

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) on its third session (A/CONF.165/PC.3/7)

9. The Habitat Agenda: goals and principles, commitments and global plan of action

In paragraph 2 (b) of resolution 47/180, the General Assembly decided that the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) would have as an objective the adoption of a general statement of principles and commitments and the formulation of a related global plan of action suitable for guiding national and international efforts through the first two decades of the next century.

Under this item, the draft Habitat Agenda, as approved by the Preparatory Committee at its third session (New York, 5 to 16 February 1996), will be submitted to the Conference for further consideration and adoption.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference on the draft Habitat Agenda (A/CONF.165/9)

Note by the Secretariat on the new objectives, role and place of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) within the United Nations system (A/CONF.165/9/Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on coordination and cooperation within the United Nations system in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (A/CONF.165/9/Add.2)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft Habitat Agenda and additional proposals from Member States and United Nations entities (A/CONF.165/L.1 and Add.1 and 2 and A/CONF.165/CRP.1)

10. Role and contribution of local authorities, the private sector, parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations and other partners in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda

Under this item, the Conference will conduct hearings and receive reports from partners and interested parties on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the role and contribution of local authorities, the private sector, parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations and other partners in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (A/CONF.165/10/Rev.1)

11. High-level segment

From 12 to 14 June an opportunity will be provided for world leaders to commit themselves to making cities, towns and villages in their countries healthy, safe, just and sustainable, as encouraged by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution 49/109.

12. Adoption of the Declaration and the Habitat Agenda

13. Adoption of the report of the Conference

The Conference will adopt a report of its activities, a draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur-General and presented to the Conference for its approval.